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Applic. No. : 10/082,554 Group No. : 2826  
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For : Stacked VIA with Specially Designed Landing Pad for Integrated  
Semiconductor Structures

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
(37 C.F.R. 1.114)

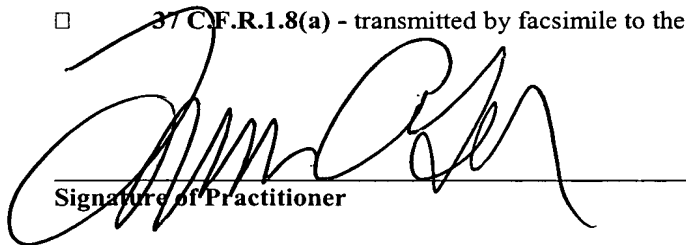
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1. Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above-identified application.

**TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE**

2. This request is being submitted:
- i. ☒ Prior to abandonment of the application
  - ii. ☐ Payment of the issue fee
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    - ☐ Issue fee has been paid but a petition under § 1.313 has been granted
  - iii. ☐ Prior to a decision on appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences
    - ☐ A notice is being separately sent to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences that this Request for Continued Examination is being filed.
  - iv. ☐ Appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals of the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. 145; or
    - ☐ Commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 146
    - ☐ Prior to the filing of such appeal or commencement of civil action
    - ☐ Such appeal or commencement of civil action has been terminated

**SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

3. a) Previously submitted
- ☒ Consider the Response under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 including the Declaration under 37 C.F.R. 1.131 and the invention disclosure, previously filed on November 25, 2003.  
(Any unentered amendments referred to above will be entered)
  - ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously submitted on
  - ☐ Other
- b) Enclosed herewith is/are:
- ☐ An information disclosure (37 C.F.R. §1.98)
  - ☐ Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A and 08B)
  - ☐ An amendment
  - ☐ New arguments
  - ☐ New evidence in support of patentability
  - ☐ Other:

### FEE FOR REQUEST (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e))

4. This application is on behalf of:  
☒ Large entity \$770.00

Continued Prosecution Request Fee \$770.00

### FEE FOR CLAIMS

5. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col.1)		(Col.2)	(Col.3)	Small Entity			Large Entity	
	Claims remaining after amendment		Highest No. previously paid for	Present Extra	Rate	Add.Fee	Or	Rate	Add.Fee
Total	18	Minus			x\$9=	\$		x\$18=	\$
Indep.	2	Minus			x\$42=	\$		x\$84=	\$
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims					+\$140=	\$		+\$280=	
					Total Addit.Fee		Or	Total Addit.Fee	

- (c) ☒ No additional fee is required.

### EXTENSION OF TIME

6. The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.
- (a) No extension of time is necessary.

### TOTAL FEES DUE

7. The total fees due are:  
☒ Continued Prosecution Fee (§ 1.17(e)) \$770.00  
Total Fees Due \$770.00

## PAYMENT OF FEES DUE

8. Please pay the fees for this continued examination application as follows:
- ☒ Charge Credit Card the sum of \$770.00  
(Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) attached)
- Please charge any required additional fees for § 1.17(e), § 1.16(b)-(d) and/or § 1.17(a)(1)-(4) to
- ☒ Account No. 12-1099 of Lerner and Greenberg, P.A.

## INVENTORSHIP

9. This application as amended names as inventors:
- ☒ the same inventors as previously designated for the claims.

## 10. Instructions as to Overpayment

- ☒ Credit Deposit Account No. 12-1099.
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SIGNATURE OF PRACTITIONER

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